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SUBJECT: ROMANIANS APPARENTLY CENSOR LIBERATION BY RED ARMY
OUT OF POLISH NATIONAL DAY MESSAGE

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1. REF A REPORTED THAT POLISH NATIONAL DAY MESSAGE TO ROMANIANS PRINTED IN TRYBUNA LUDU AUGUST 23 MENTIONED "LIBERATION OF ROMANIA BY THE SOVIET ARMY," AND THAT THERE WAS NO WARSAW RECEPTION IN HONOR OF EVENT. REF B NOTED NO POLISH MESSAGE PRINTED IN ROMANIAN MEDIA AS OF AUGUST 25.

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2. AS FINALLY PRINTED IN SCINTEIA SUNDAY AUGUST 27, MESSAGE READS "THE LIBERATION OF ROMANIA, ACCOMPLISHED 34 YEARS AGO, IN CONDITIONS OF THE HISTORIC VICTORY OF THE SOVIET UNION OVER HITLERITE FASCISM." BACKPAGE RUNDOWN OF FOREIGN CELEBRATIONS OF AUGUST 23 GIVES FOUR PARAGRAPHS TO MANIFESTATION ORGANIZED IN TARNOW IN GALICIA AND ATTENDED BY AMBASSADOR COSMA AND TARNOW FIRST SECRETARY GEBALA.

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IT ALSO PARAPHRASES TRYBUNA LUDU MATERIA (DATE UNSPECIFIED) ON NATIONAL DAY TO EFFECT THAT "34 YEARS AGO... NATIONAL PATRIOTIC FORCES, LED BY COMMUNIST PARTY, EXPELLED THE OLD REGIME AND INSTALLED A NEW GOVERNMENT, AND THE ROMANIAN ARMY TURNED ITS ARMS AGAINST HITERITE GERMANY. THIS CONSTITUTED BEGINNING OF TRANSFORMATIONS WHICH PERMITTED ROMANIA TO MOVE TO CONSTRUCTION OF SOCIALISM."

3. ROMANIAN LINE THAT ROMANIA LIBERATED BY NATIONAL UPRISING, AND THEN GREETED SOVIET TROOPS WITH FLOWERS, IS QUITE FIRM, AND WE SUSPECT DELAY IN PUBLICATION AND CHANGE IN TEXT INVOLVED COMMUNICATION WITH POLISH GOVERNMENT. WHAT IMPELLED POLES TO TRY TO SLIP LIBERATION BY RED ARMY THROUGH IS ANYONE'S GUESS. INCIDENT, MINOR IN ITSELF, ILLUSTRATES ROMANIAN SENSITIVITY TO ANY PERCEIVED DENIGRATION OF HISTORICAL ROLE OF RCP WITH IMPLICATION THAT ROMANIA WOULD NOT BE IN ITS PRESENT HAPPY CONDITION UNLESS IT HAD POWERFUL FRIENDS, AS WELL AS ROMANIAN DISPOSITION TO RED-PENCIL ITS "FRATERNAL" ALLIES IF THEIR INTERPRETATIONS OF HISTORY AND CURRENT EVENTS DO NOT FIT THE ROMANIAN VERSION.

4. FIDEL CASTRO FINALLY MADE IT INTO SCINTEIA AUGUST 30 WITH TOTALLY BLAND MESSAGE. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANYTHING SPICY IN ORIGINAL VERSION PUBLISHED IN CUBAN
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